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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE U.S. COMPANY INVOLVEMENT IN OIL SALES TO CUBA

1. PETROLEUM ATTACHE RECEIVED CURIOUS TELEPHONIC REQUEST FROM DIRECTOR OF HYDROCARBONS IN MINISTRY OF MINES FOR CURRENT CUBAN OIL CONSUMPTION FIGURES BECAUSE "MINISTER MUST ACT BY TOMORROW (APRIL 10) ON APPLICATION FROM AMERICAN COMPANY (UNNAMED) TO SUPPLY CUBAN MARKET."

2. WE CAN SPECULATE THAT A) THIS WAS DIRECTOR OF HYDROCARBONS' WAY OF INFORMING US THAT WE WILL BE FACING SITUATION SIMILAR TO THAT OF U.S. AUTOMOBILE SUBSIDIARIES IN ARGENTINA OR B) THAT DIRECTOR, WHO IS CLOSE CONTACT, MERELY FOLLOWED HIS USUAL PATTERN FOR OBTAINING INFORMATION. WE ARE INCLINED TO PROVIDE HIM WITH THE INFORMATION (WHICH PRESUMABLY IS AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE, INCLUDING SOVIET EMBASSY IN CARACAS) IN ORDER TO ELICIT FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE TRANSACTION.

3. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, WOULD APPRECIATE TRANSMITTAL OF CUBAN OIL CONSUMPTION FIGURES SOONEST.

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